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CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS.—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$800,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$160,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

M. R. Y. KANKO has THIS DAY taken Management of this OFFICE and is authorized to Sign henceforth for MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA in this Colony.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

Hongkong, August 25, 1879.

For Sale.

NEW GOODS EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

THE New Shapes in HATS.

ACME FILES, and AMBERG'S INDEXICON FILES, the latest improvements for Office use.

EXTRA FINEST SIGNY BUTTER, New Season's Packing, L. C. & CO.'S OWN BRAND.

LAWN TENNIS.

REP NOTE PAPER and ENVELOPES.

ARTISTS' COLOURS and COLOUR BOXES.

LETTER SCALES.

WALKING STICKS, well selected.

NURSERY KETTLES and STANDS, New—Portable.

MACKIE'S EXCHANGE TABLES.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, a really Good Dry Champagne at a Moderate Price, Quarts \$10 and \$11, Pints \$1.50 and \$12.50 per case.

RUINART PERE & FILS' CHAMPAGNE, \$10 per case.

SPARKLING BURGUNDY, RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR INVALIDS.

FINEST FRENCH PLUMS.

DRY MANZANILLA SHERRIES.

RED HEART RUM.

Especially Selected Scotch WHISKY.

ANGOSTURA BITTERS.

THE MULTIPLEX COPIER, a new and most valuable Invention.

CUMSHAW MIXTURE TEA (a five catty Box delivered at any address in the United Kingdom for \$8).

MORLEY'S HOSIERY.

PARISIAN SHIRTS.

CALDECOTT'S CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS.

New NOVELS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 6, 1879.

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For Sale.

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F. KLAMPERMEYER,

186, Queen's Road.

BEGS to inform the Public that he has commenced BUSINESS, as CAFE and RESTAURANT Keeper, and will endeavour to the best of his ability to give satisfaction to those who kindly give him their Patronage.

GERMAN SAUSAGES of all Kinds can be made to Order at the shortest notice, and of the Best Quality.

ICE CREAM at all Times in readiness, and can be supplied to Parties, &c.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,

Proprietor.

Hongkong, August 4, 1879.

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NOTICE.

LESSEES of LOTS on the British Settlement of SHAMNEY, Canton, are hereby requested to pay the Amounts due on their Several Lots as ANNUAL GROUND RENT into H. M. Consulate on or before the 4th September, 1879.

All Lots on which Ground Rent has not been paid on the 4th September next will be liable to be re-entered upon by H. M.'s Government.

H. F. HANCE,

H. M. Consul.

H. M. Consulate,

Canton, August 14, 1879.

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NOTICE.

THEÉOPHILE ROEDERER & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE,

awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:

Quarts \$17 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints \$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices an Invoice of

PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY PRESERVE MEAT COMPANY.

Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouillie in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc., in 2-lb. Tins.

And,

A Small Invoice of Superior Red and White AUSTRALIAN GROWN WINES, viz: MURRAY VALLEY and WYNDHAM WINES, comprising: Tokay, Verdelho, Muscat, Claret, Madeira, Sherry, Riesling, Burgundy, Hermitage, Pineau in Quarts and Pints.

Also,

(From Bordeaux), CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case.

A few Cases of LAFITTE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

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WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

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G. FALCONER & CO.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER

MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS

AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 20, 1879.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI

during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

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Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUL.

The Steamship

"ALBAY,"

Capt. F. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports

on SATURDAY, the 30th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, August 27, 1879.

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AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE,

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports,

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer

"OLAF,"

Capt. ANDRESEN, Commander, will be despatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously notified.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Intimation.

4th DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan 1877.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, on the 31st of August next (1879), when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31 Lombard Street, E.C., in the presence of Mr. GEORGE HENRY BURNETT, Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1146 Bonds Nos.:-

2	1617	3221	4840	6447	8052	9663	11278	12884	14497
19	1634	3245	4556	6462	8072	9681	11288	12898	14515
35	1650	3265	4869	6472	8091	9697	11306	12910	14523
53	1655	3266	4886	6495	8099	9710	11316	12928	14539
60	1679	3280	4893	6505	8118	9717	11340	12939	14551
73	1692	3297	4902	6511	8123	9741	11352	12951	14561
89	1697	3310	4916	6533	8135	9758	11357	12965	14587
110	1711	3324	4929	6548	8150	9768	11379	12984	14597
114	1725	3338	4953	6562	8163	9784	11384	12998	14610
137	1750	3350	4970	6580	8186	9797	11397	13008	14622
146	1754	3368	4984	6594	8199	9812	11421	13027	14635
158	1765	3376	4987	6595	8206	9815	11434	13037	14649
176	1780	3398	4999	6621	8231	9836	11450	13061	14671
187	1806	3405	5026	6634	8233	9854	11459	13064	14681
205	1818	3422	5037	6641	8249	9862	11480	13082	14700
223	1834	3440	6043	6654	8271	9873	11492	13096	14714
236	1848	3451	5064	6665	8277	9892	11499	13118	14725
250	1852	3461	5079	6692	8299	9902	11512	13130	14741
257	1870	3485	5088	6695	8305	9921	11531	13144	14752
280	1880	3497	5097	6716	8329	9928	11547	13158	14760
281	1895	3506	5122	6721	8332	9952	11551	13163	14777
305	1913	3517	5127	6747	8356	9957	11572	13180	14785
315	1926	3639	5148	6753	8365	9975	11579	13199	14808
328	1941	3646	5155	6767	8383	9991	11598	13204	14822
346	1954	3666	5173	6779	8397	10000	11608	13219	14838
366	1966	3574	5188	6795	8414	10019	11628	13240	14850
371	1980	3588	5196	6806	8422	10033	11644	13246	14856
388	1997	3602	5211	6829	8434	10046	11650	13262	14874
402	2007	3614	5231	6845	8454	10058	11663	13274	14885
410	2025	3635	5247	6852	8469	10069	11687	13299	14908
429	2032	3650	5253	6862	8482	10088	11693	13303	14924
440	2054	3662	5269	6883	8491	10098	11707	13315	14926
452	2065	3679	5291	6894	8501	10115	11719	13330	14951
464	2083	3696	5298	6908	8514	10128	11734	13346	14954
487	2099	3699	5310	6921	8538	10138	11750	13367	14980
492	2113	3723	5326	6933	8546	10158	11772	13371	14988
512	2115	3728	5344	6953	8556	10170	11787	13397	14995
526	2138	3751	5349	6968	8575	10180	11798	13401	15020
539	2148	3764	5376	6979	8585	10190	11810	13413	15035
547	2160	3775	5377	6988	8600	10214	11827	13429	15050
569	2177	3785	5400	7007	8624	10225	11832	13444	15053
575	2187	3805	5407	7018	8638	10246	11844	13457	15074
598	2208	3812	5427	7030	8645	10258	11856	13475	15075
611	2213	3836	5441	7055	8658	10265	11874	13495	15096
628	2232	3848	5447	7065	8674	10284	11887	13507	15112
637	2248	3862	5473	7079	8694	10301	11910	13518	15134
649	2265	3868	5485	7085	8704	10316	11920	13526	15144
669	2277	3888	5494	7099	8714	10329	11934	13550	15152
684	2295	3893	5505	7118	8731	10344	11951	13563	15171
689	2306	3910	5520	7133	8740	10350	11963	13571	15181
712	2316	3922	5531	7144	8759	10370	11977	13591	15203
720	2334	3937	5557	7155	8770	10375	11992	13604	15212
729	2342	3953	5563	7169	8786	10389	12001	13619	15222
744	2363	3967	5586	7182	8801	10410	12018	13624	15245
762	2375	3983	5599	7210	8817	10430	12037	13647	15257
772	2383	3994	5603	7223	8827	10433	12047	13656	15273
785	2405	4013	5617	7230	8848	10458	12066	13678	15285
800	2421	4022	5642	7252	8859	10469	12072	13682	15293
817	2424	4036	5644	7254	8863	10477	12085	13701	15304
836	2450	4050	5662	7273	8880	10489	12094	13714	15317
844	2454	4062	5683	7281	8900	10506	12114	13733	15335
857	2467	4081	5698	7295	8914	10515	12126	13739	15352
873	2488	4099	5719	7300	8928	10533	12139	13753	15367
883	2495	4110	5719	7300	8938	10553	12162	13765	15383
899	2507	4118	5728	7338	8949	10559	12180	13783	15390
922	2533	4138	5745	7356	8963	10582	12192	13791	15404
937	2555	4153	5755	7367	8980	10598	12204	13797	15416
946	2562	4162	5775	7382	8998	10610	12214	13830	15435
956	2569	4176	5786	7397	9010	10614	12228	13846	15453
967	2590	4191	5798	7411	9028	10638	12248	13859	15462
988	2594	4201	5816	7428	9035	10649	12260	13863	15480
995	2609	4217	5827	7441	9051	10666	12273	13876	15499
1009	2623	4230	5848	7451	9061	10675	12282	13891	15507
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ment he values, £1000. It is said, also, that the chances are that Mr. J. J. Francis will have the Registrarship, an appointment which would be very popular, from a confidence that that gentleman would fill the office in a pre-eminently satisfactory and efficient manner. Mr. Russell, being freed from the Attorney-General's office on the arrival of Mr. O'Malley from Jamaica, will, it is said, take up the position of Acting Puisne Judge until the return of Mr. Justice Snowden—another appointment which showing the right man in the right place, would be in accord with the feelings of the public generally, as well as those of the section more immediately concerned. We believe none of these appointments are yet formally agreed on, but the lines laid down are in all probability those on which the appointments will eventually be made.

THE weather being very suitable, a fairly good attendance of members at the practice meeting of the Humane Society last evening. After roll-call, Mr. Wohlers, foreman, commenced proceedings by explaining the working, in minute detail, of the rocket apparatus, a lecture which deserves the utmost attention on the part of the members. Mr. Wohlers is the only one here who, so far, thoroughly understands the apparatus from beginning to end; and it is most desirable that others, and as many as possible, should be posted up in the working. After the lecture the hawser was run out to the end of the Wharf and the second part of the programme was gone through in a creditable manner, which however, can be greatly improved upon. The men at the end of the Wharf ought to exercise much greater care in keeping the hawser clear of the whip. A new life-belt, much smaller than the ordinary one, was experimented with, and proved a decided success. The belts are manufactured in the Colony, are much cheaper than the old pattern, and are capable of sustaining three men in the water. The belt was tested by one of the members (Mr. P. H. Emanuel) going into the water with it on; it took the weight of three others to put the subject of the experiment under the water. On the whole the practice was satisfactory. It has been suggested to us that a practice ought to be held on some convenient day, in the West Point district, when a ship is lying off there, as the real proceedings which would ensue upon an attempt to save life in a case of typhoon, or on the occasion of a wreck upon these shores, could then be gone through. A practice with the rockets such as has been suggested would do more to make the new members—who have never had any experience in firing off rockets and re-coiling rocket lines when they are foul—more thoroughly efficient than ten such parades as last night's. Many people have said that a work of supererogation was performed, and a waste of the funds of the Society incurred, the other evening, when the "special and urgent" circular which was quoted in these columns on Wednesday, was sent round to the members. It is the opinion of several of those most concerned that, if it is not already thoroughly understood by every member that he is to hold himself in readiness whenever the weather threatens then the sooner such a lamentable want of appreciation of the position of the Society is removed, completely and authoritatively, the greater to the credit of the Society. There was a good attendance of spectators at the practice last night, more especially towards the close, and they seemed to recognize the excellence of the working as a whole. The parade was dismissed shortly before ten o'clock.

The Court Journal writes:—"The latest development of the gilded youth of London is a step towards effeminacy worthy of the Lower Empire, but we will hope that the morals of that period are not reflected in its fashions at places of entertainment. The 'scratches and tooth-picks' are giving place to gloves and bracelets. Men do not think it at all out of character to array themselves in the long gauntlet gloves hitherto reserved only for ladies, and over these, thin silver bracelets or armlets are to be seen peeping from under the sleeve of the dress coat. Full dress in time will become as complicated as it was in the days of Queen Anne."

SUPREME COURT.
IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir J. Smale.)

Friday, August 29th.

SHEPPARD v. MEYER AND ANOTHER.—\$8,000

CLAIMED FOR WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

This was a suit brought by an assistant to Messrs. Meyer and Co., against that firm for \$8,000 for wrongful dismissal. Mr. Hayllar, instructed by Mr. Dennis, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Russell, instructed by Mr. Breton, for the defendant.

His Lordship, on taking his seat, and when only the name of Mr. H. H. Nelson of the Special Jury had been called, asked whether any desirable result could be obtained by his seeing the plaintiff and defendants in his room. He was prepared to say that this was a very difficult case, and a hostile result in the suit would be very undesirable for all parties.

Both plaintiff and the defendant answered through their Counsel that they

were quite willing to hear anything his Lordship had to say to that privately. Afterwards Counsel consulted with their clients and with his Lordship.

His Lordship then intimated that he was fortunate in this case to be able to arrange the questions between the plaintiff and defendant. He had gone out of perhaps his proper sphere; but in a small Colony like this the decision of some questions by an arbitrator would be far better than that of the mere hard Judge acting according to law. After speaking to the plaintiff and defendant and their Counsel he had found, what he practically knew before, that the plaintiff had been a respectable and respected assistant of the respectable and respected firm of Messrs. Meyer and Co. Differences arose, or rather personal squabbles which exaggerated themselves, and little things became large ones; there were some reasons for complaint, on both sides, which without being of any great moment appeared to have been enough to induce the defendants to give the plaintiff notice to quit. When such circumstances had arisen between two parties as brought about notice to quit it was very seldom that harmony could be restored between them, and it was best for both parties that they should separate. Had the case been gone on with technically, that might have been the result; he could not tell. He had been able to arrange terms by which neither party sacrificed an iota of his honour, terms to which they might look as being honourable, and to which both the parties had agreed. The plaintiff had wished to seek his fortune elsewhere, possibly to go home; he had said so personally to Mr. Meyer, and on that foundation a mode of arrangement had occurred to him to which he was happy to say both parties acceded, each without hesitation giving up his own favourite result. The terms were left to him entirely by both sides, and he was allowed to fix a sum in settlement, not being compensation, not by way of damage, but an honourable result in view of the circumstances and to put an end to this affair, no record to be made in this Court of this case, which would be, with all the numerous letters and other documents connected, withdrawn and ignored by both parties as if it never had been; that arrangement Mr. Meyer and his partner had kindly agreed that whatever he (the Chief Justice) would say was reasonable they would say as an honourarium upon the termination of this arrangement. He, therefore, without going into the merits or giving any special reason, said that \$700 paid to the plaintiff would be a very handsome way of settling the present questions, which questions he was bound to say, were very difficult, and would, he believed, have led to further expenses, deciding the matter as he might or as the Jury would. Each party would now write the other such a letter as they felt they could write, and go out of this Court as if they had had no squabbles.

The parties and Counsel then adjourned to the Chief Justice's Chambers to sign some documents disposing of the case in this amicable compromise.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour the Acting Puisne Judge J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Friday, August 29.

OLSON v. WONG CHOW LOONG, \$700.—Mr. Wotton appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. E. Sharp for the defendant. This was a claim for the balance of an amount lent in March 1878. It appears the defendant, who is a Government contractor, was in the habit of borrowing sums of money at various times, paying interest on the same, from a man named George White, then an employee in the Surveyor General's Department. When the sum in question was borrowed, the sum total was \$1,200, for which a promissory note was given; the interest at first was to be 24 per cent, which, on account of the borrower and lender being very good friends was altered to 12 per cent, and \$15 per month, as interest, was paid monthly, for some nine months. The original loan was to be repaid six months after date, but was allowed to run on without any new arrangement being made until the 23rd of last December. Mr. Sharp stated that on that date, George White, being in want of money, went to his client and asked him to pay him back \$600 of the \$1,200 lent, and he would let the other \$700 stand over until his contract on the Praya Wall was finished, and would also exempt him from paying any more interest on the same. Wong Chow Loong, the defendant, affirmed on oath that such an arrangement had been made, but, unfortunately the other party to this alleged arrangement has since died. George White, shortly after receiving the \$600, left the colony in the Swedish barque "Capella" and went down to Borneo where he died; the ship was also lost and all Mr. White's papers, with the exception of his will, which was left in Hongkong. Of it Mr. Olson is the executor and now sues for the amount.

Mr. Sharp contended that there was no case against his client at present. They did not pay the balance of \$700 being due, but on account of the sum of \$600 having been paid and a new arrangement having been entered into, he contended that no interest on the \$700 was due now, and that his client need not pay the \$700 until his contract on the Praya Wall was finished.

Mr. Wotton objected to this rendering of the case, as he did not see what consideration had been given to his client by Wong Chow Loong, to justify his setting up such a defence; in fact, the consideration had been given by the other party to the bar-

gain.

Some evidence was taken which, his Lordship said, did not bear on the case at all.

His Lordship said the defendant admitted that the balance \$700 owing was correct; now, at the time when the \$600 was paid, the whole amount of \$1200 was due and payable, therefore, Mr. White, who could have sued and recovered the whole amount, did not receive any valuable consideration in getting paid \$600 at that time. And, supposing that he had come to such an arrangement with Wong Chow Loong as is put forth by the defence, he could not legally be held to that arrangement, even although it had been made in writing.

Again, it did not seem likely that a man like Mr. White, who lent money at interest to people, would, without some consideration, forego that to which he was fully entitled, although dealing with a good friend like the defendant in this case; the

nature of the so-called friendship so far as could be gathered appeared to be confined to 24, 15 and 12 per cent. He would give judgment for amount claimed, with costs, and interest at the rate of 12 per cent, on the \$700 from the 23rd of December until date of payment. His Lordship suggested that some arrangement might be arrived at regarding the payment of the money and offered his advice on the matter, at any time it might be required.

Mr. Wotton informed the Court that himself and client were not in love with the Praya Wall, so far as the defendant's contract was concerned, and explained that that was the reason of the present action. He would ask the Court not to issue execution for one week, to give time for an arrangement for payment of the money, to be made between himself and Mr. Sharp. Execution not to be issued till further orders.

Police Intelligence. (Before O. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Friday, August 29.

LAUNCH FROM A BOAT.

MAN ASANG, an unemployed seaman, with a friend who is employed on board the steamer "Fame," engaged a boat at Yowmati yesterday to bring them to this side. After the boat went back to Yowmati, the woman in charge discovered that a cotton jacket value \$1.50 had gone amiss and made a complaint to the police.

P. C. 186 went on board the "Fame" and made enquiries. From what he heard he suspected the defendant and searched him; he found the jacket concealed under his clothes and tied round his waist.

Defendant stated that his friend took the jacket and told him to hide it; he wished to give the jacket back to the boat-woman, but she went away before he could do so.

Prisoner was sent to gaol for ten weeks with hard labour.

STEALING A SAW.

FANG AH-SUNG, a coolie, who stated that he bought a saw from a man in the street yesterday, for eighty cents, was contradicted in his statement, by YOUN FUN TAI, a carpenter, who claimed the saw as his property and said that defendant stole it from his door.

P. C. 149, who arrested the defendant, saw him running away from a European who called out stop him, he did so; the carpenter came up and charged him with stealing the saw; defendant answered—"I only picked it up."

The prisoner was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

JOHN BROWN, a seaman of the Russian ship "Kaloja," was found by P. C. 149 drunk at the foot of Morrison Street in a drunken state; the constable took him to the Station.

Defendant denied the charge and was fined half a dollar in default of payment two days' imprisonment.

ALEXANDER JOHNSON, for being found drunk and incapable in the street last evening, was fined \$1, in default of payment four days' imprisonment.

BREACH OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

CHAN AKI, charged with having a quantity of prepared opium and the utensils in his possession without a permit from the Opium Farmer, admitted the charge and was fined \$60 in default of payment six weeks' imprisonment.

LAU AMAN, an opium seller, was similarly charged and punished.

LEUNG ATI, charged with a similar offence, stated that he had formerly been employed in an Opium Divan in Square Street, which was closed on the 18th inst. He remained in charge of the house, and said there was no Opium found there.

KUNG ATI, an ex-sailor, P. C. 68, Thomas Campbell and Antonio dos Santos proved the finding of the Opium. Defendant when arrested told the constable that he was not master of the shop.

Prisoner was fined \$70 in default of payment two months' imprisonment.

All the Opium in the above three cases and utensils and half of the fines if paid, go to the Opium Farmer.

STEALING FROM YOUNG GIRLS.

WONG AKU, a young girl of 10, while viewing the exhibition at Shek Tong Tsui yesterday, came in company with another girl aged 8, felt some one touch her dress; she turned round and saw the defendant LEUNG YAN, holding one of the buttons of her dress in his hand; she seized him, when he passed something to another boy who ran away; a district watchman came up and also arrested the defendant, who denied the charge.

CHUNG ANWAN, 8, corroborated the statement of Wong Akui, the buttons on the dress of the latter were five cent pieces; one of them was missing when defendant was seized.

Defendant, who described himself as a hawker and stated that he had only been ten days in the Colony, was sent to gaol for four months with hard labor.

STEALING THREE BAGS OF SUGAR.

CHU ASHIN was charged with being in unlawful possession of a bag of sugar in Queen's Road West this morning.

P. C. TAI A-ON saw prisoner with the bag on his back going eastwards, he asked him where he was taking it to; defendant replied that his master had sent him to the passage-boat with the sugar. The Constable followed him and found that his tale was not true. He asked him where he belonged to, and took him to the shop he named.

Some evidence was taken which, his Lordship said, did not bear on the case at all.

His Lordship said the defendant admitted that the balance \$700 owing was correct; now, at the time when the \$600 was paid, the whole amount of \$1200 was due and payable, therefore, Mr. White, who could have sued and recovered the whole amount, did not receive any valuable consideration in getting paid \$600 at that time.

And, supposing that he had come to such an arrangement with Wong Chow Loong as is put forth by the defence, he could not legally be held to that arrangement, even although it had been made in writing.

Again, it did not seem likely that a man like Mr. White, who lent money at interest to people, would, without some consideration, forego that to which he was fully entitled, although dealing with a good friend like the defendant in this case; the

A CHINIAN OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES.

HENRY BISHOP, a seaman, was charged with obtaining money by false pretences from a clothes-dealer named LAU AFAT.

Defendant and three other men had taken a box containing clothes to the shop of complainant in Lascar Row, they left it there and told the master of the shop they would sell him the box when they returned; he had not seen the other men since that day; defendant has called frequently at the shop wishing to sell the box, which the master refused to buy unless the other men were there. Defendant went to the shop yesterday and said he had been instructed by the other men to sell the box for \$3.50 and got \$2 advanced on the box, the remainder to be paid the same evening. In the afternoon the master of the shop found out that the other men were in gaol and gave defendant in charge.

P. C. 47, ADAM SMITH, stated that defendant came to him yesterday and told him he had sold some clothes to the complainant who wanted to swindle him out of \$1.50, and added that he had been authorized to sell the clothes by the owners who were in gaol. The constable suspected defendant and arrested him. When he (witness) began to put the clothes back into the box, defendant denied having received \$2 from complainant, although he had already admitted receiving it.

Defendant stated that he had received authority from OLESEN, the owner of the clothes, to sell the box and what it contained.

TOBIAS OLSEN, a seaman of the "Adam M. Simpson," denied what defendant had stated; he gave him the clothes to keep for him until he came out of gaol; he never gave him permission to sell the box or anything in it; the purse produced is his, and was in the box when he handed it over; he had given defendant permission to sell one pair of sea boots to pay chair hire, the boots were not in the box.

INSPECTOR CRADDOCK stated that when the prisoner was brought to the Station last evening, he (witness) noticed him trying to conceal something in his sleeve. Asked if he had any money he said, "No." Being searched the purse and 75 cents were found in his sleeve.

PRISONER was sentenced to three months' hard labor and to pay \$1.25 damages to complainant in default fourteen days' further imprisonment. The 75 cents found on prisoner to go to complainant.

Marine Court.

(Before H. G. Thomsett, Esq., R.N.)

Friday, August 29th.

THE "FLORAL STAR" CASE.

THE five seamen of the "Floral Star" who were released from gaol yesterday and refused to go on board their ship, were brought before the Harbour Master this morning, charged with refusal of duty.

CAPTAIN GARDEN DAVISON stated that the men refused to go on board their ship; he would be glad to take them back; they had no cause for complaint and had never been ill-treated, nor would they be if they went on board.

HIS WIFE asked the men individually, if they would go on board and told them that if they refused he would have to send them to gaol. If they had any complaint to make they must do it in a proper manner; he could not allow them to refuse duty with impunity.

After a little consideration, WARDEN and DARGUT refused to return to their ship and were sent to gaol for twelve weeks with hard labor. THORNE, ANDERSON and REID decided on going back to work, Captain Davison telling them, before leaving the office, that no stoppage would be made from their wages; for the time they had been in gaol.

Canton.

28th August.

Recurring to last evening's brief notice of the celebration of the Ningpo's centenary of Coast trips, it seems not amiss to add a few thoughts suggested by an achievement implying diligence and efficiency in Agents and Commander, and sea-worthiness in the vessel; in short, a combination of the elements of success. That the coast voyage between Canton and Shanghai is one of considerable dangers at all periods of the year and in the typhoon season exceptionally so, the number of casualties borne on marine records makes apparent to all observers; and that the class known as "sea-faring" have a more or less wholesome dread of them and consequent consciousness of duty in surmounting them, is the experience of those who, for pleasure or business, embark their persons or their property on board the steamers which constantly ply to and fro.

CLARENCE, writing of seamen as a class, two centuries ago, characterized them, distinctively as "a people by themselves," and FENNIMORE COOPER and MARRYATT, with especial felicity, illustrated their idiosyncrasies.

To-day, we hear a lament echoed to and fro between England and America that the indigenous JACK TAR and TOM BOWLINE are disappearing from their shores; and it is no doubt a part of the penalty by which Nature avenges herself upon us for the desecration and robbery perpetrated upon the poetry and romance of the sea, by the introduction of steam power.

To the sea-faring of previous generations and especially to the "sailor" class, as distinguished from commanders, the sea has lost much of its attraction; but as to the latter class adaptation is easier, and without sacrifice of the qualification comprehensively expressed in "seamanhood." They engrave upon the tree reared by practical training therein the new branches of mechanical skill required for the exigencies of the application of steam power. The distinctive characteristics remain, and additional requirements of the commander's duty and increase his responsibility. The voyage may be shorter, but the

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ON TUESDAY, the 2nd September, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. PEIHO, Commandant PASQUALINI, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and copied in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 1st September, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 20, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending December 31st 1878, and for the Six Months from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. 2031

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879. 2031

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our Office on and after the 16th instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, are open daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 12.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.

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E. GEORGE,
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Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1879. 2031

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, Dr. EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

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INSURANCES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

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Hongkong, June 3, 1879. 2030

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CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

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Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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(FIRE AND LIFE.)

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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J. B. COUGHTRIE,
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